The Doctrine of Christ

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I. Introduction.
   A. Jerry recommends two books on the gospel.
   B. The gospel is the central message of the whole Bible. (Genesis 3:15; Luke 24)

II. The person of Christ is fully God and fully man.
   A. Jesus is God in the flesh and was not “of the seed of Adam.” (John 1:1ff, 14; John 1; Luke 1; Genesis 3:15)
      1. He did not have the sin nature.

III. The work of Christ can be summarized in three things outlined in this passage: 2 Corinthians 5:21.
   A. He knew no sin. He was sinless even though He grew up in a normal family. (Matthew 13:55)
   B. God made Jesus sin so that he could be our substitutionary atonement. (Isaiah 53:4-6, 10)
   C. We become the righteousness of God as Jesus became sin for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9)
      1. Jesus lived a perfect life that God credits us for.
      2. Our sin through Adam and our own actions are charged to Christ’s account. (Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Peter 2:24)
         a) Adam is the sinner representative of all people.
         b) Jesus is the sinless representative of those who trust in Him. (Philippians 3:9; Galatians 2:20)
      3. We are united to Christ in two ways.
         a) We are united to Christ in a living way through the Holy Spirit. (John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 6:19)
         b) We are legally united to Christ. See above. This makes the living union possible.
            1) Jesus takes our moral penalty and gives us His perfect righteousness. (Romans 1:17, 3:21-22)
            2) God does require absolute righteousness, but He takes Christ’s righteousness and credits it to us. This satisfies God’s justice.
Application questions:

1. Why is the gospel important?
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2. What are three essential elements of the gospel?
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3. What is the result of the gospel?
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